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Flood Watch and Small Craft Advisory Remain in Effect

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office maintains a **flood watch**, in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late tonight. Flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall continues to be possible. Rainfall amounts of 2 and 4 inches, with locally heavier amounts in excess of 3 to 5 inches, remain possible through late tonight.

For today, it is expected to be mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the morning, becoming numerous in the afternoon. Locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are possible. Flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible, resulting in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Friday. Southwest winds of 15 to 20 knots, with frequent gusts to 25 knots, are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating small craft, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice caution while traveling in heavy rain, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>

- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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